

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Kindly amend the Specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 3 with the following:

This application is a continuation of pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/535,134 filed on March 24, 2000, which is incorporated by reference herein, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application no. 09/434,611 filed on November 5, 1999 (~~pending~~), now U.S. Patent No. 6,457,102, which issued on September 24, 2002, which is incorporated by reference herein.